by when their cases would be referred to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The complaint in the closed case was a general one, personal between the complainant and one of the officers of this Department. It would not be in public interest to give the details of the case.

(c) to (g) A decision is yet to be taken in the other cases.

Import of Carbamezapine

2286. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3097 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the price at which Carbamezapine is being imported by M|s. Hindustan Ciba Geigy;

(b) whether it is a fact that others are importing the same drug at less than half the price;

(c) what are the names of the five other major formulations and what is the price at which each is importing;

(d) whether it is a fact that instead of rectifying the situation the consumer is made to pay double the price of the formulations; and

(e) whether it is a fact that price control on the formulations is being used to protect over invoicing of M|s Hindustan Ciba Geigy and for giving unintended benefit to others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) To the extent information is available, there are 4 known formulators of the bulk drug Carabmezapine namely M/s. Litica, M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals, M/s. Sun Pharma and M|s Torrent. Imports by individual companies are not monitored by this Department.

(d) and (e) Normally DGHS weighted average import price is adopted for the fixation of the prices of formulations based on imported bulk drugs. However, in case of syrup and tablets based on Carbamezapine different prices of the imported drug have been taken, in view of the technical reason given by the party which was considered and found to be reasonable.

Reviving Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical Units

2287. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to revive three Calcutta based Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical units before referring them to BIFR;

(b) if so, the unit-wise details of the efforts made therein; and

(c) whether there is any fresh proposal to revive those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) There are three public sector pharmaceutical units at Calcutta, namely, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Bengal Immunity Ltd. and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. All these three companies have been incurring heavy cash losses over the years. The Rehabilitation plans prepared in consultation with the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) in respect of Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., and Bengal Immunity Ltd. indicate that it would require sizeable injection of plan and non-plan funds besides writing-off of the Government loans and interest and accumulated losses. The rehabilitation plan in respect of Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which is yet to be finalised, would also involve substantial investment besides writing-off of the accu-

mulated losses and Government loans. Voluntary Retirement Scheme which is an integral part of the proposed rehabilitation of these units, has already been introduced with a view to reducing excess manpower and thereby bringing down the fixed cost. These companies have not yet been referred either by the Department or by the Management of the company to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Distribution of wheat through Public Distribution System

2288. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Wil the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration through its Press release issued in the last week of January, '92 increased the allocation of wheat under Public Distribution from February, '92;

(b) whether it is aso a fact that distribution to wheat eaters has been made at much lower scale during February, 92 compared to the distribution made upto November, '91;

(c) if so, the reasons for issue of Press release; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The allocation of wheat to Union Territory of Delhi for distribution under Public Distribution System, which was 72,000 tonnes for the month of November, 1991 was reduced to 64,000 tonnes per month each for the months of December, 1991 and January, 1992. The allocation for the month of February, 1992 has been restored to the level of 72,000 tonnes as in the month of November, 1991. The Press release indicated that the allocation of wheat for February, 1992 would be at the same levels as in the month of November, 1991. The allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) to State Governments|U.T. Administrations is made, on a month to month basis, taking into account various factors such as stocks in Central Pool, market availability, seasonal factors and *inter-se* requirements of States/U.Ts. The allocation of PDS commodities is supplemental in nature and is not intended to meet the total requirements of the States|U.Ts.

Missing file from Super Bazar

2289. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report published in the Hindi newspaper 'Hindustan' dated 20-2-92 regarding missing of some important files from Super Bazar;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to trace the files and fix up the responsibility; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to avoid the repetition of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From April 1991, Super Bazar took up an intensive programme for weeding out of old records which had accumulated since its inception i.e. 1966. Suitable instructions were issued to all Departments of Super Bazar to weed out all un-wanted files. As a part of this exercise, old files were scruitinised in different Departments of Super Bazar. After scruiting of the records of last 25 years in